Expenditure incurred on advertisement by DESU

4335. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL alias MEEM AFZAL: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the amount spend by Delhi Electric Supply Undertaking on advertisement during 1991-92; and

(b) what is the value of advertisements which have been given to the Newspapers (language-wise) during the said period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) and (b) An amount of about Rs. 136.33 lakhs has been spent by DESU on advertisements (including tender notices) during the year 1991-92. The language-wise break-up of amounts spent on advertisements during this period is as under:

Language	Amount spent (Rs. in lakhs)
1. English	89·05
2. Hindi	35·92
3. Urdu;	5·73
4. Punjabi	5·63
Total . . .	136·33

Power Projects envisaged under Eighth Plan Period

4336. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAV RAO JADHAV: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of power projects which are to be set up in Eighth Five Year Plan in different parts of the country;

(b) what are the number of power projects to be cleared for Maharashtra State; and

(c) by when they will be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) 139 power projects with an aggregate capacity of 30538 MW are to be set up in the Eighth Five Year Plan in different parts of the country.

(b) There is no 8th Plan power project of Maharashtra which is pending with the Central Government for clearance.

(c) Does not arise.

Power Finance Corporation involved in Security SCAM

4337. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: CHOWDHARY HARI SINGH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Power Finance Corporation is involved in the security scam some of its officers having indulged in diversion of funds for speculative activities and committed financial irregularities;

(b) if so, what are the names of such officers and the reported irregularities committed by them, the amount involved and action taken thereon;

(c) whether other corporations under the Power Ministry are also involved and if so details thereof; and

(d) whether Government is revising its guidelines to prevent misutilisation of idle funds with the corporations and details of steps proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) and (b) CBI has filed an FIR against three officers of PFC, namely S/Shri M. Prasad, Prahlad Rao and M. Ravi, and certain others, under provisions of the Indian